GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:932
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2012
SETTING UP OF POWER PLANTS BY ONGC
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has any proposal to set up solar, fertilizer, wind and nuclear plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details of estimated capacity and the locations identified for setting up of the same; and

(c) the time frame by which the aforesaid plants are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIR.P.N. Singh)

(a) to (c): The details of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)`s plans to set up solar, fertilizer, wind and nuclear plants in the country are given as under: Solar: ONGC is carrying out feasibility study for setting up canal top solar Photo-voltaic plant (upto 5 Mega Watt(MW) on Indira Gandhi canal in Rajasthan. Based on the successful outcome of study, decision will be taken for establishing the exact capacity, quantum and time frame for investment.

Fertilizer: For early monetization of new gas discovery from IChubal in Tripura, ONGC is considering setting up of a Natural Gas based Urea Fertilizer plant in Tripura. The project is intended to be taken up in Joint Venture(JV) mode by roping in a Fertilizer Domain Company for which an Expression of Interest (Eol) was invited from interest parties for strategic alliance. ONGC plans to take up a feasibility study to ascertain viability, realistic timelines, investment requirements, attendant risks and mitigation measures for approx 1.3 million metric tone per annum capacity urea based fertilizer plant.

Wind: ONGC has already set up 51 MW wind farm in Gujarat which is operational since 2008. ONGC Board had accorded approval for setting up another 102 MW wind farm at Rajaslhan, which is in advance stage of tender finalization. As per tender terms, the project is to be commissioned within 14 months of the date of award.

Nuclear: ONGC is in preliminary discussions with Nuclear Power Corporation Limited (NPC1L) for exploring the possibility of formation of XV for setting up Nuclear plants in the country. Pursuant to successful outcome, decision would be taken for capacity, identification of project sites etc.